

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Child and Family Services Agency



**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR
EXEMPTION FROM COMPETITION**

USER AGENCY:	Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)
CONTRACT NO:	DCRL-2017-R-0086
CAPTION:	Evidence Based Parenting Program
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:	Triple P America, Inc.

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

Section 413.4 of the Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (dated April 2011)

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency seeks to contract with Triple P America, Inc. to provide an evidence based preventive parenting program to its staff and partners in an effort to meet the mandates of the Families First Preventive Services Act.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

\$80,280.00

4. FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The proposed contractor is the only entity capable of meeting the District's minimum need during the proposed period of performance.

The District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency is taking the necessary steps to become compliant with the Families First Prevention Services Act. This act reforms the federal child welfare financing streams, Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, to provide services to families who are at risk of entering the child welfare system, to prevent children from entering foster care by allowing federal reimbursement for mental health services, substance use treatment, and in-home parenting skill training. It also seeks to improve the well-being of children already in foster care by incentivizing states to reduce placement of children in congregate care.

Triple P - Positive Parenting Program® (Triple P) is an evidence -based parenting program. The intellectual property of Triple P is owned by the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia

and exclusively licensed to Triple P International Pty Limited (the parent company of Triple P America, Inc. [TPA]). No other entity is legally entitled to reproduce the intellectual property of Triple P in the United States of America.

All Triple P Provider Training Courses are conducted by accredited Triple P trainers in compliance with the quality assurance requirements as supplied by the University of Queensland. All trainings that take place in the United States are contracted through TPA.

The Triple P Provider Training Courses are two part courses: 1) initial training and 2) accreditation. The accreditation process helps to ensure fidelity to the Triple P model and takes place approximately 6-8 weeks after the initial training. Providers may begin to offer the service immediately after their initial training in order to practice their Triple P competencies and gain experience in working with families. Following a successful accreditation provider will receive a certificate of accreditation by the University of Queensland in recognition of their demonstrated competence for a given Triple P intervention.

Additionally, all Triple P training and implementation resources such as manuals, flipcharts, tip sheets, parent workbooks, DVDs, CDs, PowerPoint presentations, and discussion booklets may only be purchased from Triple P America. No other entity is authorized to re-sell or reproduce these materials by any means.

CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACT SPECIALIST:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Date

Robert Stona
Contract Specialist

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under Section 402 of the Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02). I further find that the contractor listed above is the only sole source that can meet the District's minimum needs. Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Chief Contracting Officer